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Dear Parent/Carer,

### **Details on returning to school for Year 10**

As mentioned in the letter from Mr Lowe-Werrell, on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June, I am writing this letter to give details on how school will function. Please ensure you go through this letter with your child, prior to the first day they are due to attend.

In Mr Lowe-Werrell's letter, he specified 4 days, one per week, for your child to attend school. This timetable will operate for 4 weeks. In the last week of term, we plan to invite in those students who we feel need additional personalised support. We will only be able to identify these students, following a review of their progress over the past few weeks and a review of how they respond to their time in school over the next few weeks.

If you choose **not** to send your child into school, home learning will continue to be set – if you have not done so already, please inform us if you want your child to remain at home.

When in school we will require students to follow very clear guidance which they must adhere to carefully. You will find these procedures attached to this letter. Many of these new procedures apply to all people in the building – students, staff and visitors – but there are some specific instructions for students. In particular, I would like to draw your attention to the following:

1. Students should **not attend school** if:
  - a. They show symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19):
    - i. High temperature
    - ii. New, continuous cough
    - iii. Loss or change to sense of smell or taste
  - b. They have been in contact with a person diagnosed with coronavirus (COVID-19) (whereupon the advice is to self-isolate for 14 days, from the last day of contact with that person)
2. Students should only attend school on their allocated day. When not in school during the week, they should be at home, in your care
3. Students are not permitted to wear any form of face mask or face covering in school
4. Students should ensure they bring enough to drink with them for the day. They should bring a water bottle with a sports cap and wide-fill opening, so we can safely refill this for them during the day.
5. The usual catering facilities will be in operation. If your child requires food from the canteen, funds need to be added to their account manually, so please put a cheque or cash in an envelope, with your child's name on, for your child to bring in to school. If they bring a packed lunch, they must not share this with any other person.
6. Key worker students will remain in school but will have different social times and lessons to ensure mixing does not occur.

7. Personal items (such as mobile phones) and equipment (such as stationery) should not be shared. At the start of each day, we will check your child has the normal equipment, such as pen, pencil and ruler

On the first morning your child returns to school, Mr Lowe-Werrell and I will go over these points with your child and their peers, during their registration time, in the main school hall.

As mentioned in earlier correspondence it is our intention to provide Year 10 with face to face lessons with all of their usual class teachers, over a 2 week period. Given students will be in for one day a week the number of lessons will be limited. To counter this class teachers will continue to set home learning to reinforce work covered whilst in school – students will need to continue with school work when at home.

We would like to build some wellness activity, in place of a normal PE lesson, into the school day. This will take place in the last hour. As it would be difficult to follow social distancing guidelines whilst changing, we would like all students to wear school PE uniform only. In addition, all students should wear tracksuit bottoms over their shorts or skorts – this uniform is compulsory. If students struggle with work in the day or have had a lot of difficulty managing their work over the last few weeks, we may use the last period of the day to provide additional support, instead of the wellness activity. Equally, if students would prefer to read or continue academic work, instead of the wellness activity, we can accommodate this.

School transport will continue – numbers on buses will be very small. Students will be expected to socially distance. However, if you would prefer to drop your son/daughter at school this is totally understandable. If this is the case, we would ask parents to remain in their vehicles when dropping off.

I would like to thank you for your continued, brilliant support - these are unprecedented times and we appreciate how demanding home schooling can be. As a direct result of our work together, supporting the education of your child, the overwhelming majority of students have committed to the work provided with great resilience and effort.

If you have any questions relating to this letter please email [Year10@marywebbschool.com](mailto:Year10@marywebbschool.com). You can also email me directly [mjervis@marywebbschool.com](mailto:mjervis@marywebbschool.com)

Yours sincerely,

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